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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOI PESTICIDE REQUIREMENTS

REF: STATE 254227

1. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS CONSCIENTIOUS AND THOROUGH RESPONSE TO THE INDIAN QUERY ABOUT PESTICIDE PURCHASES PUT TO THE SECRETARY BY THE INDIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

2. I HAVE PASSED ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CABLE TO THE MINISTER, SAYING WE HAD NOT YET GOT A FINAL ANSWER FROM UNION CARBIDE ON CARBLRYL, BUT PROMISING ONE FAIRLY SOON.

3. I HAD OCCASION TO VISIT THE SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE MORNING THE CABLE ARRIVED, AND LEFT A COPY WITH HIM, POINTING SPECIFICALLY TO THE IRONY, OR WHAT YOU WILL, OF A SITUATION IN WHICH ONE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ASKS OUR INTERCESSION WITH THE AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY TO PERMIT INDIA TO BUY MALATHION WITH DOLLARS WHILE ANOTHER PART OF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT REFUSES CYANAMID OF INDIA, LTD. THE LICENSE TO EXPAND ITS PRODUCTION OF THE SAME CHEMICAL HERE IN THIS COUNTRY. I ASKED WAS THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA IN LEAGUE WITH THE CAPITALISTS TO KEEP INDIA HUNGRY AND AMERICA RICH. P.N. DHAR NODDED KNOWINGLY. I MADE A
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SIMILAR COMMENT IN MY LETTER TO MINISTER RAM.

QUOTE: THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN THE UNITED STATES TO YOUR STATEMENT AT THE FOME FOOD CONFERENCE WITH RESPECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE FOOD NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT "IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE DEVELOPED NATIONS CAN BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR PRESENT PLIGHT. DEVELOPED NATIONS, THEREFORE, HAVE A DUTY TO HELP THEM". SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, AS I HOPE YOU WOULD KNOW, I ACCEPT THAT THERE IS INDEED A MORAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE IN A POSITION TO HELP TO DO SO. HOWEVER, I WOULD BE LESS THAN CANDID IF I WERE NOT TO NOTE THE WIDESPREAD VIEW THAT GOVERNMENT DECISIONS HERE IN INDIA HAVE RESTRICTED THE PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS NOW IN SUCH SHORT SUPPLY.

MALATHION PRODUCTION WOULD SEEM TO BE SUCH A CASE. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA IS NOW SEEKING TO BUY WITH DOLLARS IN THE UNITED STATES A CHEMICAL WHICH COULD READILY BE MANUFACTURED IN SUFFICIENT SUPPLY HERE IN INDIA.

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